

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Special Session this March 1, 2010 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Andy Bowers, Brady Reynolds and Rachel Menard present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Patrick Callahan, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Dave Burkholder, Interim Police Chief; Scott Kelly, Parks & Recreation Director; Marge Folkerts, Librarian; Amy Ford, Police Officer and Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director. Guests Present Addressing the Council: None.

Public Hearings

Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing on the proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 at 6:01 p.m. Pat Callahan, City Administrator stated that no written comments had been received. No comments were offered by the public present. Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Ordinance Granting Exemption to Downtown Area During Snow Emergencies

Pat asked if the Council had any questions, suggestions or recommended changes to the proposed ordinance granting an exemption to the Downtown Area during declared snow emergencies. None were offered.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to approve the **first reading of Ordinance** amending Chapter 69 of the City Code of Ordinances to provide for an exemption from parking prohibitions for streets in the Downtown Business District during a snow emergency declaration from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 3-Nays, Shaffer, Bowers and Reynolds. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Failed.

Recommendation to Interim Police Chief to Void Unpaid Parking Tickets for Violations During February 9, 2010 Declared Snow Emergency

Pat reviewed City Attorney, Adrian Knuth's direction that the Council may "recommend" to the Police Chief and Officer issuing the tickets to void the snow emergency tickets. Discussion followed. Amy Ford, Police Officer addressed the Council stating that she had written tickets for snow emergency violations between 2:34 p.m. and 3:14 p.m. on February 9, 2010. These tickets were written until then end of her shift that day and she stated that she did not concentrate her efforts in the Downtown Area alone, as indicated by the complete list of parking tickets given for snow emergencies. More discussion followed.

Motion by Reynolds, to recommend that the Police Chief void unpaid parking tickets for violations of the declared snow emergency issued on February 9, 2010 in the Downtown Area. More discussion followed. The motion failed for lack of a second.

FINANCE

Review of Proposed Local Option Sales Tax Expenditures for F.Y. 2010-11

Pat reviewed his memo to the Council regarding the proposed Local Option Sales Tax expenditures for F.Y. 2010-11 and possible funding options. Discussion followed. Council reviewed each proposed expenditure by department and each Department explained their request for funding. Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director stated that he would be willing to reduce the LOT expenditure for equipment for the Streets Department by \$18,000 and also reduce the LOT expenditure for lawn mowers in the Cemetery budget by \$5,000. More Discussion followed.

Capital Projects and Capital Equipment Funded with LOT Funds

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to cut a total of \$59,500 in proposed 65% LOT expenditures as follows: Reduction of \$18,000 from Streets, \$5,000 from Cemetery, \$1,500 from Library and \$35,000 from the Lawrence Community Center and use \$33,000 from 65% LOT reserves; use \$33,000 from the Special Assessment Fund to pay a portion of the RUT debt payment and using the savings in RUT funds to fund \$33,000 of the Streets Department 65% LOT asking. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Andy Bowers voiced concerns that Department Heads are in the meeting when the Council members have to make tough decisions on these budget cuts.

Review of Final Revisions to Department Budgets for F.Y. 2010-11

Pat reviewed the summary of previous budget revisions as recommended by the Council at the last Budget meeting.

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 and Setting Levies

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to approve **Resolution 2010-09** adopting the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011 and Setting Levies. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Menard, second by Feldmann to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk